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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants respectfully submit that, to the extent the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance deviates from the reasons as stated in the Decision on Appeal, decided on September 6, 2007, in its characterization of the invention and the cited art, the reasons as stated in the Decision on Appeal controls. Applicants do not acquiesce to any narrowing of the scope of the allowed claims.

More specifically, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's statement that "Moulton's electrode composition encompasses the claimed composition of polymer and electrolyte." Rather, as stated in the Decision on Appeal, decided on September 6, 2007, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (the "Board") found that "the Examiner has failed to establish that the claimed invention is expressly or inherently described by Moulton as evidenced by Koga (Br. 6-7)."

Applicants further traverse the Examiner's contention that "the BPAI's decision focused on Moulton's description of a different use, and [gave] patentable weight to the specific use language in claim 1." In fact, the Board's decision contains no such reasoning. Rather, the Board found that the Examiner "failed to establish that the cited references establish that a faradaic reaction is the cause of the weakening of the adhesion between the composite electrode and the current collector foil."

Respectfully submitted,

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